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By Senators Fraser, Pridemore, Regala, Rockefeller, and Kohl-Welles

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1            AN ACT Relating to integrated pest management; and amending RCW  
2 17.15.010, 17.15.020, and 17.15.040.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 17.15.010 and 1997 c 357 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

8            (1) "Integrated pest management" means a coordinated decision-  
9 making and action process that uses the most appropriate pest control  
10 science and methods ~~((and strategy in an environmentally and~~  
11 ~~economically sound manner to meet agency programmatic pest management~~  
12 ~~objectives. The elements of integrated pest management include:~~

- 13            ~~(a) Preventing pest problems;~~  
14            ~~(b) Monitoring for the presence of pests and pest damage;~~  
15            ~~(c) Establishing the density of the pest population, that may be~~  
16 ~~set at zero, that can be tolerated or correlated with a damage level~~  
17 ~~sufficient to warrant treatment of the problem based on health, public~~  
18 ~~safety, economic, or aesthetic thresholds;~~

1 ~~(d) Treating pest problems to reduce populations below those levels~~  
2 ~~established by damage thresholds using strategies that may include~~  
3 ~~biological, cultural, mechanical, and chemical control methods and that~~  
4 ~~must consider human health, ecological impact, feasibility, and cost-~~  
5 ~~effectiveness)) to produce long-term prevention or suppression of pest~~  
6 ~~problems in a cost-effective manner with minimum impact on human~~  
7 ~~health, the environment, and nontarget organisms, in order to avoid~~  
8 ~~unacceptable damage to agency programs and property and to the health~~  
9 ~~and welfare of the citizens of the state. The elements of integrated~~  
10 ~~pest management include:~~

11 (a) Preventing pest problems through sanitation, habitat  
12 modification, cultural techniques, and other methods;

13 (b) Monitoring for the presence of pests and pest damage;

14 (c) Establishing the density of the pest population, that may be  
15 set at zero, that may be tolerated or correlated with a damage level  
16 sufficient to warrant treatment of the problem based on health, public  
17 safety, economic, or aesthetic thresholds;

18 (d) Treating pest problems to reduce populations below those levels  
19 established by damage thresholds with physical, mechanical, cultural,  
20 biological, chemical, and educational methods to keep pest organisms  
21 numbers low enough to prevent unacceptable damage. Chemicals and all  
22 other pest suppression methods used within the framework of integrated  
23 pest management must be carefully evaluated for their health,  
24 environmental, and economic consequences, and for their effectiveness  
25 and reliability; and

26 (e) Evaluating the effects and efficacy of pest treatments.

27 (2) "Pest" means, but is not limited to, any insect, rodent,  
28 nematode, snail, slug, weed, and any form of plant or animal life or  
29 virus, except virus, bacteria, or other microorganisms on or in a  
30 living person or other animal or in or on processed food or beverages  
31 or pharmaceuticals, which is normally considered to be a pest, or which  
32 the director of the department of agriculture may declare to be a pest.

33 **Sec. 2.** RCW 17.15.020 and 1997 c 357 s 3 are each amended to read  
34 as follows:

35 Each of the following state agencies or institutions shall  
36 implement integrated pest management practices when carrying out the  
37 agency's or institution's duties related to pest control:

- 1 (1) The department of agriculture;
- 2 (2) The state noxious weed control board;
- 3 (3) The department of ecology;
- 4 (4) The department of health;
- 5 (5) The department of fish and wildlife;
- 6 ~~((+5))~~ (6) The department of transportation;
- 7 ~~((+6))~~ (7) The parks and recreation commission;
- 8 ~~((+7))~~ (8) The department of natural resources;
- 9 ~~((+8))~~ (9) The department of corrections;
- 10 ~~((+9))~~ (10) The department of general administration; and
- 11 ~~((+10))~~ (11) Each state institution of higher education, for the
- 12 institution's own building and grounds maintenance.

13 **Sec. 3.** RCW 17.15.040 and 1997 c 357 s 5 are each amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 (1) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating  
16 committee is created. The committee is composed of the integrated pest  
17 management coordinator from each agency or institution listed under RCW  
18 17.15.020 and the representatives designated under RCW 17.15.030. The  
19 coordinator from the department of ~~((agriculture))~~ health shall serve  
20 as chair of the committee.

21 (2) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating  
22 committee shall share information among the state agencies and  
23 institutions and facilitate interagency coordination.

24 (3) The interagency integrated pest management coordinating  
25 committee shall meet at least two times a year. All meetings of the  
26 committee must be open to the public. The committee shall give public  
27 notice of each meeting, and make summaries of each meeting available to  
28 the public.

29 (4) By November 30th of each odd-numbered year ~~((up to and~~  
30 ~~including November 30th, 2001))~~, the department of ~~((agriculture))~~  
31 health, with the advice of the interagency integrated pest management  
32 coordinating committee, shall prepare a report on the progress of  
33 integrated pest management programs. The report is to be made  
34 available through the state library and ~~((placed on the legislative~~  
35 ~~alert list))~~ the department of health's electronic web site.

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